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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Joseph C. CAUTHEN) Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: **10/085,040**) Examiner: David J. Isabella
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For: **INTERVERTEBRAL DISC**)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 6, 2006, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this paper include: i) copy of U.S. Provisional Application 60/160,710; and ii) copy of U.S. Provisional Application 60/204,118.